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When he was six and his brother Bill ten, there was a dispute at the chopping block and Henry's toes were cut nearly off on one foot. They were fastened back on with molasses. At the age of 13 he helped his father Thomas freight butter, chicken, eggs, grain and passengers to Park City. They also carried the mail. On coming home one day from freighting they were told that his mother Elizabeth, who was 54, had been killed by a bull she had taken to water many times. Henry was then 19.

Later he worked for Kimball Coal yards at Park City and so there is where they made their first home after he married Ella Maria Murdock on Dec. 22, 1892. Lacy and Harry were born there. They later moved to Heber where he went in the cattle business with his father. Here Nymphas and Maud Ella were born in the old John Muir place.

Later they purchased a large farm from his father-in-law in Charleston, and here many things happened. Then Elvera was born, also Sina, Thaylia, Mazie, Esther, Thomas and Robert.

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and above all, to work. Father's home, like his heart, was always open to relatives or strangers. Like the sleigh loads that rode to church or to parties, there was always room for more. At Christmas time the sleigh was loaded with boxes of food and goodies for the widows and older people of Charleston.

He drove the children to school for six years in a covered sleigh and wagon and would bring some on to Heber to school.

He remembered when mules pulled street cars in Salt Lake and has seen so many changes take place.

He was deputy sheriff in 1921-22 for several months at Soldiers Summit. He was president of the Farm Bureau for eight years. The large reservoir now called Deer Creek took all the land, but a bit of hill ground, and his family all married, they purchased a home at Heber City. They did lots of temple work in the various temples.

On April 5, 1942 Aunt Ella passed away. Later Henry married Janet G. Duke, and in declining years they have had many joys along with problems and sorrows that come to large families. Many family parties have been held in his honor at age of 88½ years. He still drives his car, visits the sick, and his donations and help have been to many. He has one brother David C. Watson, 52 grandchildren, and 68 great-grandchildren, and many loved ones and friends.

ELLA MARIA MURDOCK WATSON



Ella Maria Murdock was born February 22, 1871, in Salt Lake City. She was the third daughter of Nymphas Cordon Murdock and Esther Mariah Davies. Their home was a two-story adobe house, where the Newhouse Hotel now stands. In June 1875 they moved to Charleston where she

was baptized on May 10, 1879. As a small child she and her sister Malissa would go with their mother and others and take the town cattle up Deckers Canyon by the spring and make butter and cheese. When Primary was organized in Charleston by Eliza R. Snow, Ella was chosen secretary at the age of 12. They would often go to the fort at Heber for safety. She worked in the store at Charleston where her father was the owner. Some few years later she was president of the Young Ladies Mutual Assn. She was a member of the Wasatch Dramatic Company.

December 22, 1892, she married Henry Fowles Watson at Charleston, Judge Thomas S. Watson performed the ceremony. They made their first home in Park City. Here their first two children were born, Lacy Elizabeth and Harry M. At Park City she was the member of the Dramatic Company with Fred Rasband and Earl J. Glade as members. Ella received her patriarchal blessing from John Smith October 31, 1897. They moved to Heber where they had two more children, Nymphus C. and Maud Ella. Later they purchased a ranch formerly owned by Nymphas C. Murdock. Here seven children were born, loved and taught to live clean lives. They were Elvera, Thaylia, Sina, Mazie, Esther, Thomas and Robert. Esther died at the age of three. There was always room for more at their table and at their home friend or stranger was welcome. They always had plenty to eat. This is where work was invented, but lots of pleasure and joy.

She worked in Relief Society and Primary a number of years. On Oct. 29, 1919, she and her husband went to the temple and had their family sealed to them. The children were all married but one. She has always been a member of Daughters of Pioneers ever since its organization. She was president of the Timpanogas Camp at Charleston.

Before the Deer Creek dam project took the ranch, they bought a home in Heber. During the winter months they went south to Arizona and St. George to do temple work. In 1940 Thomas died. The winter of 1941 they spent in Arizona, Ella was not well. They came home. On April 9, 1942 she passed away with most of her loved ones around her. She was a wonderful mother, loved and honored by all who knew her.

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